

March 4, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza, 19th Floor Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Case 18-E-0130 – In the Matter of Energy Storage Deployment Program

JOINT UTILITIES NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

Dear Secretary Burgess:

This letter is to inform you that Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (collectively, the "Joint Utilities") will conduct a stakeholder conference on March 29, 2019 as described in each of the Joint Utilities' February 11, 2019 filings with the Commission entitled *Implementation Plan for a Competitive Direct Procurement of Scheduling Rights from Qualified Energy Storage Systems*.

The purpose of this conference is twofold. The Joint Utilities will provide stakeholders with information and receive feedback regarding their respective filings for the upcoming solicitations for energy storage resources. Additionally, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") will provide information regarding its Energy Storage Market Acceleration Bridge Incentive Implementation Plan and Program Manual which is expected to be filed with the Commission on March 11, 2019. The agenda for the conference is under development and will be posted when completed.

The conference on March 29 will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with presentations to be made from the 19th Floor Board Room of the Commission's office located at Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York. Videoconferencing will be available on the 4th Floor Board Room at the Commission's office in New York City located at 90 Church Street, New York, New York ("New York City office") and at the Commission's office in Buffalo located on the 10th floor at 295 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

In order to ensure adequate space for attendees, those wishing to attend should RSVP via email to <u>csinger@ceadvisors.com</u> by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. In your email,

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please be sure to indicate which location you will be attending. Due to the security procedures established by the New York City building management, those wishing to attend the conference in the Commission's New York City office MUST pre-register and be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at 90 Church Street.

Any questions regarding the stakeholder conference should be directed to jstewart@ceadvisors.com

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Joint Utilities,

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